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BASHAM PROMOTING NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD

New Democratic Initiative Will Provide Prescription Drug Discounts to over 200,000
Lower-Income People at No Expense to Taxpayers

LANSING- State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is promoting a new prescription drug card program that could provide as many as 200,000 lower-income people with discounts on prescription drug purchases. Governor Granholm officially unveiled the new prescription drug card program Tuesday in Farmington Hills.

“I’m delighted that the state has been able to make prescription drugs more affordable to financially struggling families,” said Sen. Basham. “Our expectation is that this new discount program will help low-income families avoid having to choose between medically necessary prescription drugs and other basic necessities of life.”

The discount program will be funded through costs savings from bulk purchases negotiated with drug companies and participating pharmacies. The program is designed for individuals and families who have no other drug coverage and meet certain income guidelines.

“The Granholm administration and Democratic leaders have been working cooperatively for the last eight months to make this program available to the people of Michigan,” said Sen. Basham. “The fact that we could get this program implemented at no expense to the taxpayers of Michigan is a testament to Governor Granholm’s fine leadership.”

The program is expected to provide enrolled members with an average cost savings of 20 percent. The program will also have no enrollment fees. Applications can be downloaded from the community health web site at: www.michigan.gov/mdch.

Sen. Basham indicated that he will continue to promote the new prescription drug discount program at his many stops throughout Southeast Michigan.

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